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To provide for the interconnection of distributed generation facilities with local electric distribution systems, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILBRAY (for himself, Mrs. WILSON, and Mr. HUNTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

To provide for the interconnection of distributed generation facilities with local electric distribution systems, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Distributed Generation
5 Promotion Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERCONNECTION OF LOCAL DISTRIBUTION FA-**
7 **CILITIES.**

8 Section 210 of the Federal Power Act is amended by
9 adding the following at the end thereof:

1 “(f) SPECIAL RULE FOR DISTRIBUTED GENERA-
2 TION.—

3 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this subsection:

4 “(A) LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY.—

5 The term ‘local distribution company’ means
6 any entity which owns, controls, or operates, for
7 public use, local distribution facilities.

8 “(B) LOCAL DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES.—

9 The term ‘local distribution facilities’ means
10 any facilities used for the local distribution of
11 electric energy. Such term does not include any
12 facilities determined under section 201(h) to be
13 transmission facilities.

14 “(C) DISTRIBUTED GENERATION.—The

15 term ‘distributed generation facility’ means an
16 electric power generation facility that is de-
17 signed to serve retail electric consumers at or
18 near the facility site and interconnect with local
19 distribution facilities.

20 “(2) INTERCONNECTION.—A local distribution

21 company shall interconnect a distributed generation
22 facility with the local distribution facilities of such
23 company if the distributed generation facility owner
24 or operator complies with the final rule promulgated
25 under paragraph (3) and pays the just, reasonable,

1 and nondiscriminatory costs directly related to such
2 interconnection, as determined by the Commission.

3 “(3) RULES.—Within one year after the date of
4 enactment of this subsection, the Commission shall
5 promulgate a final rule to establish safety, reli-
6 ability, and power quality standards relating to dis-
7 tributed generation facilities. To the extent feasible,
8 the Commission shall develop the standards through
9 a process involving interested parties. For purposes
10 of developing such standards, the Commission shall
11 establish an advisory committee composed of quali-
12 fied experts to make recommendations to the Com-
13 mission.”.

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